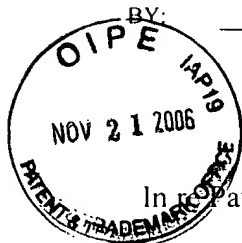


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BY: Donna Parks **COMPLETED** Date: November 17, 2006

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In re Patent No.: 6,543,073

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Title: INFLATION SEAT ASSEMBLY FOR
AN INFLATABLE ARTICLE

§ Attorney Docket No.: 6438-TAX

**REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE OF LATE PAYMENT
OF FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c)**

The application for the above patent was filed on August 27, 2001 claiming small entity status and all fees associated with the application have been paid based on the small entity rate. It has recently been learned by the Taiwan referring attorney firm and the undersigned that the assignee for the above patent has been affiliated with a large entity since prior to the filing date of the above application. Accordingly, the assertion of small entity status made at the time of filing the application was erroneous, but was made in good faith without deceptive intent.

In view of the above, there is a deficiency owed for the fees paid. The following is an itemization of the fees paid at the small entity rate, the current fees due at the large entity rate and the balance owed for the deficiencies:

| | Date Paid | Fee Paid at Small Entity Rate | Current Fee at Large Entity Rate | Balance Owed |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Application Filing Fee | 8/27/01 | \$355 | \$1,000 | \$ 645 |
| Issue Fee | 2/6/03 | \$650 | \$1,400 | \$ 750 |
| BALANCE DUE: | | | | \$1,395 |

The first maintenance fee has been paid at the large entity rate.

It is respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office accept late payment of the fees due.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees due and any deficiencies in connection with the filing of this request or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account 50-1017.

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